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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 11-2011
Thursday, November 17, 2011**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened in regular session in the Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2011.

PRESENT

Craig Moloney, Chair
Rob Achtmeyer
Anita Neal Powell
Joseph Hansen
Jessica Reynolds

Absent: None

Present: Jim Wasilak, Chief of Planning
Robin Ziek, Staff Liaison

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORK SESSION began at 7:00 pm. and no decisions were made.

II. COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Mary van Balgooy of Peerless Rockville briefed the Board and Staff on upcoming events. Peerless Rockville presented their third Christmas ornament featuring St. Mary's Chapel. The ornaments will be available to purchase December 15th. Order forms may be picked up at the Peerless office or online; Peerless will also have a New Year's Day brunch on Sunday, December 31st from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the Glenview Mansion. Tickets for Peerless members \$10, non-Peerless \$15. For more information call 301-762-0096 or email www.peerlessrockville.org.

Anita Neal Powell of Lincoln Park Historical Foundation briefed the Commission and Staff on their bus tour to commemorate the 2011 Maryland Emancipation Day on November 5th and thanked everyone for their support.

Public Comments/Open Forum

There were no Public Comments at Open Forum.

HDC Staff Comments

Robin Ziek presented an update on her work with the Smithsonian Staff at Anacostia Community Museum and Montgomery County Public Library system in bringing the Smithsonian's Lorenzo Dow Turner exhibit to the Rockville Library. Mr. Turner, a Harvard graduate, grew up in Lincoln Park and was the first African-American linguist who studied the language of the Gullah people of South Carolina and discovered it is an African dialect.

III. CONSENT AGENDA – 8:30

Commissioner Achtmeyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Powell to remove the Minutes from October 20th. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Achtmeyer moved to remove HDC2012, 00557 from the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Hansen moved, seconded by Commissioner Achtmeyer to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended (accepted meeting minutes from September 15th and November 17th). The motion passed 5-0.

A. The HDC discuss the October 2011 minutes.

Commissioner Hansen moved, seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the October 20, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL - HDC2012- 00557

Applicant: Ms. Emily McGarry

Address: 19 Wall Street

Request: Replace back porch stairs and railing; and side door step to meet building code.

Commissioner Achtmeyer moved to approve project as submitted, with the additional conditions:

- 1) The work will be painted in a timely manner in the spring,*
- 2) The new columns and posts will match the detailing of the existing work (with finials, and bases).*

Commissioner Reynolds seconded. Commissioner Powell offered the amendment that the proposal meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards #9 and #10. This amendment was agreed for incorporation into the motion and seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Green/Historic web page, Tech Guide draft review - Staff called for HDC comments. The HDC will email these to staff.

- B. Outreach to community, calendar/schedule - Staff will provide dates next month for the initial visits. Commissioner Hansen will draft an outline of the HDC presentation.
- C. Heritage Area update – Staff continues to work on this.
- D. Glenview Historic District
- E. Joint training with Gaithersburg on November 10th – Well done and very helpful. Topic was Greening Historic Properties, New Technologies.

V. ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Y. Driver, Commission Secretary